



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Services



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Governor

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Dear Health Officers and Immunization Coordinators:

We are writing to let you know that two new tetanus toxoid, diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccines have been licensed by the Food and Drug Administration. One formulation is licensed for use in persons aged 10–18 years old and the other is licensed for persons aged 11–64 years. Tdap has so far been approved only for **one-time** use per person, as a booster.

In June 2005, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend Tdap vaccine for adolescents aged 11–18 years old. The Immunization Branch is following ACIP's recommendations, the details of which are contained in the enclosed memo. These recommendations are provisional, so we expect updates, which we will provide to you as soon as they become available.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: DHS Immunization Branch Field Representatives